

The Cruel Quaker :

Being a Full and True

A C C O U N T

Of a Barbarous and Bloody

Murder, Committed by *Stephen Sweet* a Quaker, on the Body of *Mr. Francis Ingoldsby*, a Sea-Lieutenant, near *Ratcliff-Cross*, in a *Shoe-makers Shop*, on the 22d Instant.

With his Examination and Confession before Justice *Leystock*, and his Commitment to *Newgate* on *Tuesday* the 23d of *December*. 1707.

24. Decemb. 1707
ON Monday Night last, *Mr. Francis Ingoldsby*, a Lieutenant & a Gentleman of a considerable Estate, having some business in *Ratcliff*, as he was Buying a Pair of Shoes, one *Stephen Sweet* a Sower Quaker; whom the Deceased called *Friend of the Light*, it so offended the Dark Spirit within him, that the outward Man was verily provoked to that degree, that he offered several times to lift up the Arm of his Flesh against the Carnal Man; which the said Gentleman observing, spoke such Words as quite Extinguished the *Light within*, & made the *Yea & Nay* Friend such a Mortal Enemy, as the unwary Gentleman coming something too near his Carnal Vessel, it raised the Quakers Indignation to such an intollerable height, that all on a sudden, before any Glimmerings of the Light could interpose between the Saint & the Dark Sinner; Angry *Yea & Nay*, snatches the Gentleman's Sword out of the Scabbard then on a *Seat*, & with that Wicked Instrument Stab'd him into the Body, a little below the Navel; insomuch that he fell down with the Loss of Blood, & was thought to be Dead on the Spot, but being carried into a Publick House, where after a Surgeon had dressed the Wound he enjoyed some little Ease, but with less hopes of Life; so that the Dark Friend was presently Apprehended & Seized as an Enemy of the Light, carried before Justice *Leystock*, where Oath was made of each Carnal Particular, against *Yea & Nays* Dark & Rash Actions, who having little to say in Defence of such a great piece of Villany, the Justice ordered him to be Committed to *Newgate*, & accordingly his outward Tabernacle was sent into the inward Apartment of that House of Affliction, on *Tuesday* Morning about a Eleven a Clock, where the fatal Friend of the Pretended Light, will be safely kept in the Dark, in order to be try'd for this unluckly Piece of Light-headed Rashness.

Post-script: Just now we have received a certain Account, that the said Lieutenant Dyed of his Wounds, at his own House, at *Stepney-Causway*, about 3 of the Clock on *Tuesday* Evening; & that the said Quaker Stab'd him in a *Shoe-makers Shop* as he was fitting on a Pair of Shoes, without any manner of Provocation, the Sword lying by him, the Quaker took it up & Stab'd him twice in the Bowels.

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